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SUBJ: URUGUAYAN EXCLUSION FROM UNEF

1. FONMINISTER BLANCO CALLED ME IN THIS MORNING AND, ON INSTRUCTION OF PRESIDENT BORDABERRY, EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER URUGUAY'S FAILURE TO BE INCLUDED AS A MEMBER OF THE UNEF, ESPECIALLY SINCE URUGUAY WAS THE FIRST NATION, HE SAID, FORMALLY AND IN WRITING, TO OFFER ITS PARTICIPATION AND SINCE THE SELECTION FINALLY MADE FOR LATIN AMERICAN REPRESENTATION (PANAMA AND PERU) SEMMED TO IGNORE THE NEED FOR BALANCE IN THE SENSE THAT EACH OF THESE NATIONS HAD IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES AND OTHER FRICTIONS WITH THE US. HE SAID THE "MILITARY" HERE HAD MADE KNOWN TO PRESIDENT BORDABERRY THEIR DISPLEASURE WITH THIS OUTCOME AND WISHED TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED. THE MINISTER SAID HE WAS SURE I WOULD APPRECIATE THE DELICACIES OF THE SITUATION AND UNDERSTAND THAT FOR URUGUAY IT MIGHT EVEN HAVE "SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES" ULTIMATELY.

2. BLANCO SAID HIS OWN INFORMATION FROM NEW YORK WAS THAT THE US HAD SUPPORTED URUGUAY WHEREAS THE SOVIET UNION HAD OPPOSED URUGUAY. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD FURTHER THAT THE BASIS FOR THE  
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DECISION WAS THAT LATIN AMERICAN PARTICIPATION SHOULD CONFORM TO

LATIN AMERICAN REPRESENTATION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL SINCE TWO OF THE THREE NATIONS MAKING OFFERS WERE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. SOVIET OPPOSITION, HE SAID, HAD REPORTEDLY BEEN EXPLAINED ON THESE GROUNDS BUT HE THOUGHT THIS MIGHT NOT BE THE ENTIRE EXPLANATION. THE URUGUAYAN MILITARY, HE SAID, ARE THEREFORE ANGRY ABOUT SOVIET OPPOSITION AND ONLY SOMEWHAT LESS PUT OUT THAT THE US PRESUMABLY DID NOT MORE STRONGLY SUPPORT URUGUAY'S CANDIDACY. FOR HIS PART THE MINISTER SAID HE AND THE PRESIDENT HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT THE US DID SUPPORT URUGUAY AND HE ASSUMED THAT THIS SUPPORT WAS DROPPED IN THE LIGHT OF "LARGER" CONSIDERATIONS.

3. COMMENT-ACTION REQUESTED: THE DEPARTMENT FULLY APPRECIATES I AM SURE THE DELICACY OF THE CIVILIAN-MILITARY RELATIONSHIP IN URUGUAY AND THEREFORE THE PREDICAMENT IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT AND THE FONMINISTER FIND THEMSELVES. WITH RESPECT TO OUR OWN INTERESTS IT IS ALSO UNFORTUNATE THAT THE MILITARY TEND TO BELIEVE THAT THE US DID NOT SUPPORT URUGUAY STRONGLY IN THE FACE OF SOVIET OPPOSITION AND WAS WILLING ULTIMATELY TO ACCEPT LATIN AMERICAN PARTICIPATION LACKING IN BALANCE. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE PROMPT INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHAT I MAY TELL THE FONMINISTER ABOUT THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES ASPECTS OF THIS MATTER WHICH, HOPEFULLY, WILL BE HELPFUL TO THE PRESIDENT AS WELL AS TO OURSELVES.

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